

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, 13, 14, 15-17 by rewriting the same as follows:

1) (Currently Amended) A ring comprising:

a center stone;

a first annular semi-precious stone, said first stone permitting the reflection and refraction of light; and

a second annular semi-precious stone, said second stone permitting the reflection and refraction of light-stones, whereby said first and second annular stones form forming a setting for a the center stone and enhance the brilliance of the center stone by reflecting and refracting light towards the center stone.

2) (Currently Amended) The ring of claim 1, wherein at least one of said semi-precious stones is one of ~~are both either~~ transparent ; and translucent , ~~or opaque~~.

3) (Original) The ring of claim 1, wherein said first gemstone is either transparent or translucent, and said second gemstone is opaque.

4) (Original) The ring of claim 2 where said center gemstone is a plurality of precious gemstones being set so that the pavilions of each gemstone are adjacent in an annular direction about said ring.

5) (Original) The ring of claim 4, where each of said precious gemstones is a diamond, where the girdle of each diamond touches the girdle of the adjacent diamond.

6) (Original) The ring of claim 5, where each of said semi-precious stones is toroidal in shape.

7) (Original) The ring of claim 6 having means for supporting said semi-precious stones.

8) (Currently Amended) The ring of claim 7, comprising a first bracket, a second bracket, and an axial brace; where

 a. said diamonds being set between said brackets;

 b. said brackets being set between said semiprecious stones, said bracket gripping a portion of the pavilion, girdle, and crown of each diamond; and

 c. said brace being radially inside said brackets, said brace ~~biasing~~ frictionally engaging said semi-precious stones toward each other, and said semi-precious stones frictionally engaging ~~against~~ said brackets ; for setting said diamonds.

9) (Original) The ring of claim 8, where each bracket extends radially inward and contacts said brace.

10) (Original) The ring of claim 9, where each bracket having a plurality of contoured baskets, each basket being capable of engaging substantially half of the pavilion of each diamond.

11) (Original) The ring of claim 10, where each semi-precious stone having vertices, and each bracket having corresponding vertices, and said brace biasing said stone vertices against said bracket vertices.

12) (Original) The ring of claim 11, where each of said stones is transparent or translucent, and each having a predetermined cross sectional cut for causing light to refract in a pre-determined direction.

13) (Currently Amended) The ring of claim ~~18~~ 11, where each stone is opaque and has the same color.

14) (Currently Amended) The ring of claim 18 ~~44~~, where each stone is opaque and has different colors.

15) (Original) The ring of claim 11, where both stones are amber, carnelian, amethyst, citrine, quartz, or peridot.

16) (Currently Amended) The ring of claim 18 ~~44~~, where both stones are dalmation, jasper, garnet, hematite, howlite, jade, jasper, lapis, mahogany, mother of pearl, onyx, pink, and red coral, poppy jasper, rhodonite, snowflake, tiger eye, tree agate or turquoise.

17) (Currently Amended) A ring comprising:

first and second annular semi-precious stones forming a setting for a plurality of center diamonds, said first and second annular semi-precious stones being translucent; and

a first bracket, a second bracket, and an ~~axial~~ annular brace, where:

a. said diamonds being set between said brackets;

b. said brackets being set between said semi-precious stones, said bracket gripping a portion of ~~the~~ a pavilion, a girdle, and a crown of each diamond;

c. said brace being radially inside said brackets, said brace ~~biasing~~ frictionally engaging said semi-precious stones thereby biasing the semi-precious stones toward each other; and against said brackets, for setting said diamond;

~~d. semi-precious stone having vertices, and each brace having corresponding vertices, and said brace biasing said stone vertices against said bracket vertices.~~

Please add new claims 18-20 as follows:

18) (NEW) A ring comprising:

- a plurality of center stones;
- a first annular semi-precious stone;
- a second annular semi-precious stone;
- a first bracket;
- a second bracket, said first and second brackets being set between said first and second semi-precious stones, said first and second brackets gripping a portion of each center stone allowing said center stones to be set between said first and second brackets; and
- a cylindrical brace, said brace having an outer surface, said outer surface of said brace frictionally engaging said semi-precious stones,

whereby the first stone, the second stone, the first bracket, the second bracket and the brace form a setting for the plurality of center stones.

19) (NEW) The ring of claim 18, wherein the first semi-precious stone is one of transparent, translucent and opaque, and the second stone is one of transparent, translucent and opaque.

20) (NEW) The ring of claim 18 whereby at least one of the semi-precious stones enhance the brilliance of the center stone by reflecting and refracting light towards the center stone.